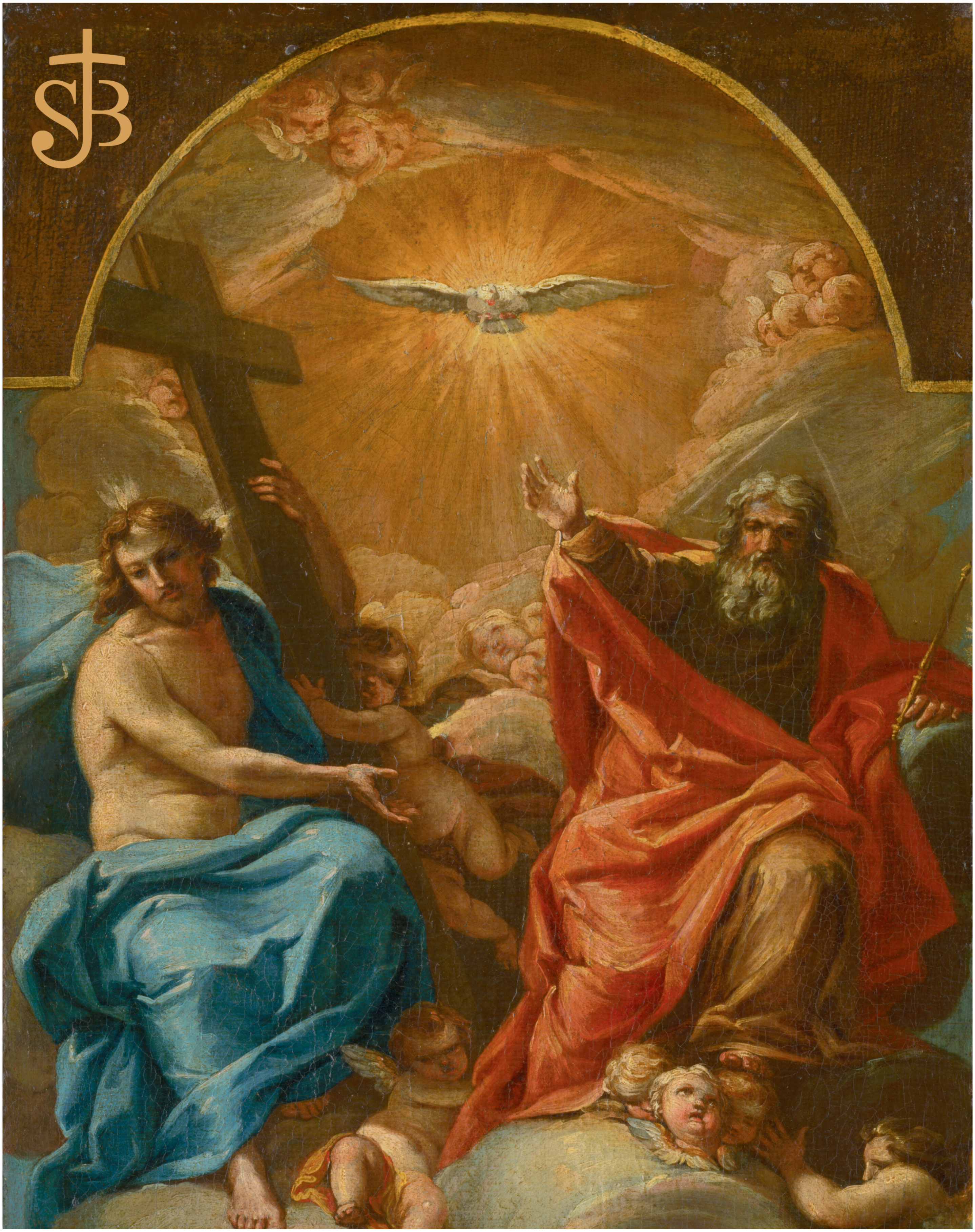

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MAY 10, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | ARTIST: UNKNOWN

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.' -John 14:15

A couple of weeks ago our 8th graders received Confirmation and in a couple of weeks we will be celebrating Pentecost: both of these events should get us to consider the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised us. Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will be the Advocate or the Counselor, the One who makes present all that God has for us and reminds us of everything that Jesus has said. In referring to the Holy Spirit as the "Advocate", we should think of the Holy Spirit as being like our defense attorney in moments when people are putting us on the spot because of our faith in Christ, pressing us for answers about our faith, and sometimes doing so in an accusatory fashion. In these moments, we have the chance to distance ourselves from our faith in order to protect ourselves, or to respond with human logic or reason; but we also have the opportunity to silently pray and ask the Holy Spirit what He wants to speak through us. In these moments we give the Holy Spirit the chance to speak through us. We need to remember and to trust that we have been given the Holy Spirit for exactly these moments, so that we will be able to give an answer that will reveal the wisdom and love of God and the wisdom of following Christ. This is a wisdom that is well beyond what we naturally possess, but we can receive it as one of the gifts that comes with being in relationship with God. The next time you are in a conversation about the faith, ask the Holy Spirit before you respond to any question, especially a difficult one. God is with you and will speak through you.

The Parish Finance Committee will be publishing the parish offertory numbers on a quarterly basis to promote greater transparency and awareness. I am grateful to our parish community for your generous support, faithful stewardship, and continued commitment to the life and mission of our parish.

Giving Q1 2026			
Month	**Actual**	**Previous FY**	**Budget**
January	$76,205.35	$99,550.00	$104,000.00
February	$80,664.09	$79,460.00	$86,000.00
March	$97,931.31	$99,550.00	$92,000.00

God Bless You, Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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Happy Mother's Day!

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Springs IN THE DESERT

For Catholics struggling with infertility and pregnancy loss, Mother's Day can be hard—but there is hope and healing in community! Springs in the Desert is a Catholic ministry that accompanies these women and couples by offering them a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. For virtual and in-person events, encouraging blog posts, podcast episodes, and more, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.

PRESBYTERATE & DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

The Presbyterate and Diaconate Ordination of Seminarians for the Diocese of Lansing will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Please keep our parish seminarian, Paul Keenan, in prayer as he prepares to be ordained to the transitional diaconate. Please also pray for our soon-to-be Parochial Vicar, Dcn. Joshua Bauer, who will be ordained to the presbyterate.

The Ordination Mass will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing, MI, beginning at 10:30 AM. A brief reception and opportunity for first blessings will follow in the St. Thomas School Gymnasium. All are welcome!

St. John Vianney, pray for us and our priests.

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Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES"

- MAY 11TH – Eucharist, A Model for Virtue

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

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WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY,
MAY 15TH
6:30 PM
in the
sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

JUNE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

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MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
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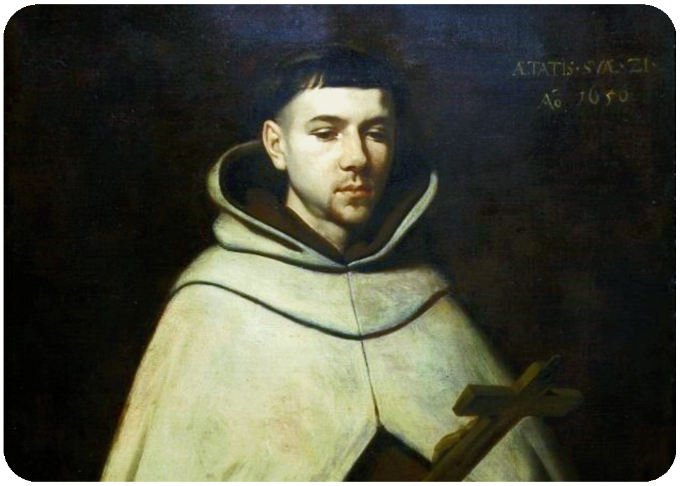
HIGH
SCHOOL
NIGHT

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND ADORATION!

We Invite all high schoolers to join us for a time of fellowship, food and Adoration. This is an opportunity for high schoolers to come draw closer to the Lord while being surrounded by friends their age who are seeking a true relationship with Jesus. Hope to see you there!

SATURDAY, MAY 16
CONTACT JACOBG@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



THE MYSTICAL DOCTOR: A LOOK AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS AND HIS WRITINGS

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the canonization of St. John of the Cross and the 100th anniversary of his being named a Doctor of the Church. All are welcome for a morning of reflection with Fr. Gregory Veneklase, a priest of the Diocese of Marquette. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by refreshments, a talk, and Adoration.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
8:30 AM - NOON
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
NO RSVP REQUIRED - *FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN*

Marriage & the Blended Family Retreat

May 29–30th
St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

MARRIAGE & BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT

The Marriage & the Blended Family Retreat is a formational, faith-filled weekend for couples entering or living in a second union, offering practical tools to build a strong, unified family. Rooted in the Smart Stepfamilies program, it addresses the real challenges of blended family life, including past experiences and co-parenting. Engaged and married couples are invited to take part in this supportive and honest environment.

MAY 29 - 30
ST. MARY MAGDALEN - BRIGHTON
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SJB parishioners are invited to enroll their children (grades 1st - 7th) in this fun, faith-filled experience focused on the virtue of Fortitude and its daughter virtues: magnificence, industriousness, and patience.

Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
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FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

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The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival*** at the Huntington Place, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community.

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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Peter Wadaga
Susan Jose
Barb Stimach

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 11TH
12:15 PM: For the Deceased Memebers of the Anderson and Gibson Families
Requested by Ellen Gibson

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

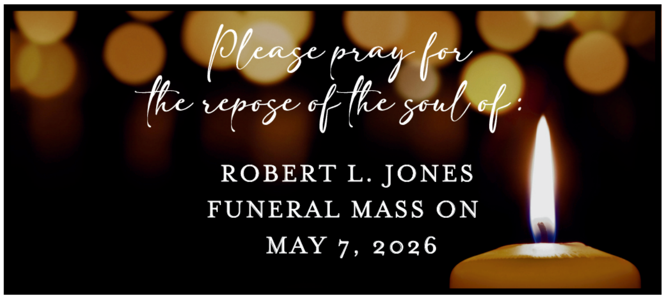
FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

5:00 PM:†Justa, Ernesto, Agripino, Teodoro Tiempo
Requested by Elizabeth Lucas

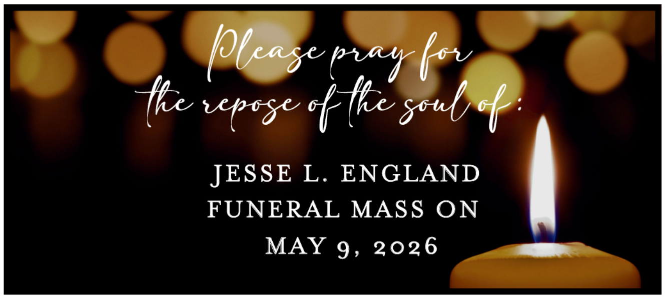
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM:†Waclaw Stolarski
Requested by Sue & David Stolarski



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

ROBERT L. JONES
FUNERAL MASS ON
MAY 7, 2026



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

JESSE L. ENGLAND
FUNERAL MASS ON
MAY 9, 2026

MATERNAL MARTYRDOM: THE VOCATION OF MOTHERS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

POPE FRANCIS

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Paul VI Audience Hall
Wednesday, 7 January 2015

EXCERPT:

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero said that mothers experience a “maternal martyrdom”. In the homily for the funeral of a priest assassinated by death squads, he said, recalling the Second Vatican Council: “We must be ready to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honour.... Giving one’s life does not only mean being killed; giving one’s life, having the spirit of a martyr, it is in giving in duty, in silence, in prayer, in honest fulfilment of his duty; in that silence of daily life; giving one’s life little by little. Yes, like it is given by a mother, who without fear and with the simplicity of the maternal martyrdom, conceives a child in her womb, gives birth to him, nurses him, helps them grow and cares for them with affection. She gives her life. That’s martyrdom”. End quote. Yes, being a mother doesn’t only mean bringing a child to the world, but it is also a life choice. What does a mother choose, what is the life choice of a mother? The life choice of a mother is the choice to give life. And this is great, this is beautiful.

A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being’s life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers, the first acts of devotion that a child learns. It is a message that believing mothers are able to pass on without much explanation: these come later, but the seed of faith is those early precious moments. Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. And the Church is mother, with all of this, she is our mother! We are not orphans, we have a mother! Our Lady, mother Church, is our mom. We are not orphans, we are children of the Church, we are children of Our Lady, and we are children of our mothers.

Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. And to you, beloved Church, thank you, thank you for being mother. And to you, Mary, Mother of God, thank you for letting us see Jesus. And thank you for all the mammas present here: let us salute them with a round of applause!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 16TH & MAY 17TH

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS			
	Jeff Decker	Shawn Lenhardt	John Urbanic
	Josh Reszke	Jude Lussier	**Need Volunteer**
	Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	**Need Volunteer**
	Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	**Need Volunteer**
GREETERS			
	Rebecca Thomason	**Need Volunteer**	Wendy Winnie
	Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	**Need Volunteer**
LECTORS			
	Jeff Kerner	Melissa Florian	Shelly Czupinski
	Mike Weathers	Rebecca Lussier	Joe McKeone
SACRISTAN			
	Christine Kim	Natalie Klackle	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS			
	Jordan Wells	Damien Lussier	Henry Meyer
	Need Volunteer	Matthew Yurko	Roger Meyer
	Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	Thomas Meyer

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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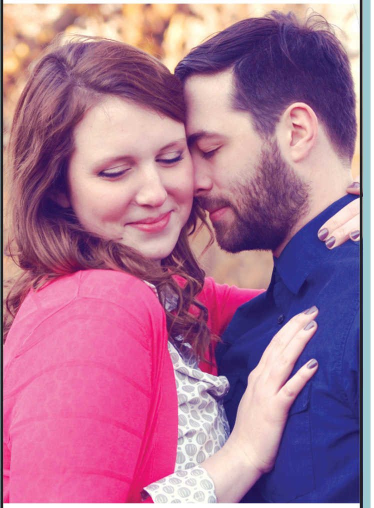

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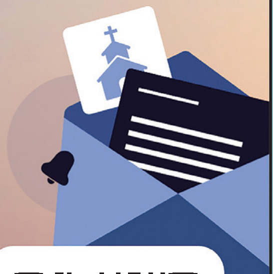

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